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IDAHO WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE
SETS FINAL MEETING FOR MAY 13

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Idaho's recent stretch of rainy days appears to have provided state water managers with a strong dose of good water supply news just in time for the final 2003 meeting of the Idaho Water Supply Committee, the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

The Committee will meet May 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the IDWR State Office, 1301 N. Orchard Street in Boise. It will be the Committee's final meeting of the year and should provide Idaho water users with a nearly complete look at the state's water supply outlook for the rest of the year. The meeting is open to the public.

Above average rainfall in recent days helped boost water supply outlooks in nearly all parts of the state. The moisture, in the form of both snow and rain, has turned water supply deficits in some areas to normal or slightly above normal levels, particularly in the southwest Idaho region.

IDWR water scientists also say the moisture increases south of the Snake River could prove valuable to white water enthusiasts who recreate on the Bruneau River. The basin had been well below normal; however, IDWR hydrologists now say the additional water could result in up to two weeks of excellent river recreational floating on the Bruneau.

The Bear Lake and Malad areas of southeastern Idaho have not benefited from the recent storms and continue to face well-below-normal water supplies.

Central and Eastern Idaho both have improved their water supply outlook but still remain slightly below normal supplies.

The meeting will be held in a facility that meets accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need assistance to attend, participate in or understand the meeting please contact Bill Ondrechen, (208) 327-7988 in advance so arrangements can be made.